

## Session 115 - (2003-2004)

**H\*4115 (Rat #0308, Act #0281 of 2004) General Bill, By Lourie, Parks, Littlejohn, Weeks and McLeod**

**Summary:** Birth Defects Act of 2003

AN ACT TO ENACT THE SOUTH CAROLINA BIRTH DEFECTS ACT BY ADDING CHAPTER 44 TO TITLE 44, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ESTABLISH A BIRTH DEFECTS PROGRAM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO PROMOTE INCREASED UNDERSTANDING AND THE PREVENTION AND REDUCTION OF BIRTH DEFECTS; TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICES; TO ESTABLISH THE BIRTH DEFECTS ADVISORY COUNCIL AND TO PROVIDE FOR ITS MEMBERS, POWERS, AND DUTIES; TO REQUIRE THE PROGRAM TO CONDUCT SURVEILLANCE AND MONITORING OF BIRTH DEFECTS AND TO MAINTAIN A CENTRAL DATABASE OF THIS INFORMATION; TO REQUIRE VARIOUS HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO BIRTH DEFECT INFORMATION; TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION; AND TO PROVIDE IMMUNITY AND CONFIDENTIALITY PROVISIONS AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS. - ratified title

04/30/03	House	Introduced and read first time HJ-94
04/30/03	House	Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs HJ-94
01/21/04	House	Committee report: Favorable Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs HJ-7
01/22/04	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Weeks, McLeod
01/27/04	House	Debate adjourned until Wednesday, January 28, 2004 HJ-10
01/28/04	House	Read second time HJ-17
01/29/04	House	Read third time and sent to Senate HJ-26
01/29/04	Senate	Introduced and read first time SJ-9
01/29/04	Senate	Referred to Committee on Medical Affairs SJ-9
04/21/04	Senate	Committee report: Majority favorable with amend., minority unfavorable Medical Affairs SJ-51
04/22/04		Scrivener's error corrected
04/27/04	Senate	Minority report withdrawn SJ-16
04/28/04	Senate	Amended SJ-76
04/28/04	Senate	Read second time SJ-76
04/28/04		Scrivener's error corrected
04/29/04	Senate	Read third time and returned to House with amendments SJ-23
04/29/04		Scrivener's error corrected
05/05/04	House	Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled HJ-11
05/06/04		Ratified R 308
05/11/04		Signed By Governor
05/14/04		Copies available
05/14/04		Effective date 05/11/04
05/14/04		Scrivener's error corrected
08/03/04		Act No. 281